

Middle Village Community Meeting
July 27, 2005 – 5:00 p.m.
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Legislators Present: Ann Marie Johnson, Ken Fish and Laurie Reiter.

Community Members Present: Brian Tepiew, Mark Waukau, Debra Pocan, Michael Reiter and Mark Waukau.

Ann Marie started the meeting at 5:05 and opened the floor for any concerns or comments.

- **Why are the play grounds in Neopit and Pine Ridge grown over with grass and nobody takes care of it.** Ann Marie stated that she believes that recently playground equipment was taken out of both those areas due to the condition the equipment was in. She will find out why nobody is taking care of those areas.
- **Why doesn't the Casino sponsor the boxing club?** Some community members feel that the Casino should host boxing at the casino featuring local boxers because they always host those pool tournaments and stuff so why don't they do something for the local people?
- **Are we (tribal members) getting any per-capita anytime soon?** Ann Marie stated that the tribe needs to go by the Net Use Revenue Plan and must take care of other things with the money first before paying out a per-capita and for the past few years there just hasn't been anything left. Ann Marie also mentioned that MTE may be paying out a stumpage.
- **How did certain people get so much land like some people in South Branch?** Ken Fish stated that back when the Tribe was terminated people were allowed to purchase land for a very small price.
- **Why is the gas station taking so long?** Ken Fish stated that the opening was scheduled for September 15th. It takes 90 days to get the tanks and that is why it is taking so long.
- **Is there going to be a C-Store also?** Ken informed everyone that the Community Development Committee is looking into that possibility.

- **What about getting some trees planted in Middle Village?** Ann Marie looked into it and this year JTP couldn't get any seedlings because of a shortage. There was also a question on underground telephone lines and power lines and who will maintain the trees?
- **There are constantly dogs running around because people don't tie them up. Can't something be done about it?** Mark Waukau stated that citations are being cited. Currently the dog catcher is overwhelmed by the number of calls and doesn't have the right equipment to deal with the problem. As funny as it sounds.....the dogs do know his truck and scatter when he is around. Mark is currently trying to purchase the equipment but with budget shortages he is not sure when he will be able to purchase it.
- **There are bears running around the 515 homes and could cause some safety issues.** Ann Marie will speak to Conservation about the issue.
- **Is there going to be or could there be a neighborhood watch program in Middle Village?** Mark Waukau will look into it.
- **When people are convicted for selling drugs can they be banished from the reservation for a set number of years?** The people present stated that it would be a good punishment and maybe it would make people think twice about selling their drugs here.
- **There are people who have worked for the tribe, got caught embezzling and always get hired back by the tribe.** There should be some rule somewhere that says if you are convicted of embezzling then they should no longer be able to obtain jobs with the tribe.
- **Is there a process for getting rid of elected officials such as Legislators and the Chief of Police?** Ann Marie stated that there is a process and it's in the Menominee Constitution.
- **Members of the Middle Village Fire Department held a fundraiser on behalf of the department and kept all the money for themselves. Can't something be done about that?** Ann Marie stated that the Middle Village Fire Department is run by the County and if there is a complaint you would have to go to the Police & Fire Commission.

Ann Marie and Mark gave a brief update on the questions asked at the last meeting.

Meeting ended at 6:20 p.m.